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FROM US REP MBFR

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SUBJECT: MBFR: FURTHER TREATMENT OF MBFR DATA

REF: USNATO 3031

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: WE HAVE NOTED SPC DECISION (USNATO 3031)
NOT TO APPROVE USE OF REVISED MBFR DATA IN DISCUS-
SION WITH THE EAST AT THIS TIME. WE HAVE ALSO
NOTED REPETITION OF RECOMMENDATION (USNATO 3021) BY
CHAIRMAN OF THE MBFR WORKING GROUP THAT NATO SHOULD
STUDY THE POLITICAL QUESTIONS INVOLVED WITH DATA AND
PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON THEM. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT STUDY
OF THESE ISSUES MAY BE A SLOW PROCESS AND COULD ALSO

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LEAD TO SOME ALLIES TAKING FIXED POSITIONS FROM WHICH

IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DISLODGE THEM AS USG DEVELOPS ITS OWN POSITION ON USE OF DATA. THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS SUGGESTIONS ON POSSIBLE STEPS TO MEET THIS SITUATION. END SUMMARY.

2. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THE BEST RESOLUTION OF THE SITUATION WOULD BE FOR THE SPC TO ADOPT A VERSION OF OUR SUGGESTED GUIDANCE SET FORTH IN VIENNA 4500, AS MODIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS IN STATE 108719. IF SUCH A COURSE WERE PRACTICABLE, THE SPC MIGHT THEN BE CONTENT TO WAIT FOR THE RESULT OF SOME FURTHER DATA DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EAST BEFORE ENGAGING IN STUDIES OF THE POLITICAL ISSUES CONNECTED WITH DATA, THUS PERMITTING ALLIES IN VIENNA TO TEST SOME POSSIBILITIES AND EVOKE EASTERN RESPONSES, ENSURING THAT LATER ALLIED DECISIONS WILL BE BASED ON SOME KNOWLEDGE OF EASTERN POSITION.

3. WE FEAR THAT THIS COURSE MAY NOT BE FEASIBLE UNLESS SITUATION IN SPC CHANGES RAPIDLY. IF IT REMAINS AS IT IS, WE SUGGEST THAT USNATO MIGHT BE REQUESTED IN JUNE 4 SPC MEETING TO SUGGEST SPC STUDY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN THE ORDER PRESENTED AND TO STATE THAT US CONTRIBUTIONS ON THESE ISSUES WOULD BE FORTHCOMING:

A. WHAT TO DO ABOUT DIFFERENCES IN GROUND FORCE ORGANIZATION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

B. WHAT AIMS TO PURSUE IN GETTING INTO FURTHER DATA DISCUSSIONS WITH EAST BEYOND THOSE INVOLVED IN (A) ABOVE; WHETHER TO INTRODUCE NEW NATO TOTALS; HOW FAR ALLIES IN VIENNA SHOULD GET INTO DETAIL ON DATA; AND HOW TO DEAL WITH EFFECT OF CHANGES OF ALLIED TOTAL ON ALLIED REDUCTIONS AND SUGGESTED COMMON CEILING LEVEL.

C. INCLUSION OF AIR FORCE MANPOWER IN REDUCTIONS.

4. IF WASHINGTON AGENCIES CONSIDER IT PREMATURE TO COMMIT US IN SPC TO STUDY OF ALL POINTS ABOVE, THEY
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COULD SUGGEST SOLELY THAT SPC GIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION TO ISSUE OF DEFINING GROUND FORCES. HOWEVER, SUCH A SUGGESTION SEEMS LIKELY IN ANY EVENT TO UNLEASH DEBATE ON OTHER ISSUES LISTED.

5. WE WILL FORWARD RECOMMENDATION ON TREATMENT OF GROUND FORCE DEFINITION IN NEXT FEW DAYS. IT WILL REQUIRE URGENT TREATMENT BY NATO SINCE IT WILL BE LOGICAL

TO DISCUSS ISSUE WITH EAST IN SOME DETAIL IN INFORMAL
SESSION PLANNED FOR JUNE 18 AND 25.
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